

# All Aboard **NORTHWEST**

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## All Aboard August: Returning Passenger Trains to a Station Near You

Towns and cities in western Vermont that haven't seen passenger train service since 1953 are welcoming a newly-reinstated service between Burlington and New York City. To make this happen, local communities, the state of Vermont, and the federal government worked together to fund the infrastructure improvements needed.

Meanwhile, US Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg has spoken about the "massive push" to reinstate the North Coast Hiawatha route. He said that this is the best time for local communities to apply for route expansion under the Corridor Identification Program.

Does your community want to take advantage of this unprecedented opportunity? All Aboard Northwest (AANW) will be traveling throughout the region in August to help towns and cities coordinate the local, state and national support needed to make seamless transportation happen.

## Train Trek: August 11-26

Train Treks are a series of outreach and engagement meetings held in local communities throughout Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Montana and Washington. AANW's 2022 Train Trek is focused along the route of the former *North Coast Hiawatha* and *Pioneer*, where feasibility studies of potential restoration will shortly be conducted. Information and registration at <https://traintrek.org>.

## Greater Northwest Passenger Rail Summit: August 22-23

The Greater Northwest Passenger Rail Summit will bring passenger railroad organizations, advocates and enthusiasts together with local, state and federal elected officials and policymakers, host railroads and rail infrastructure experts to educate, innovate and coordinate for the restoration, expansion and enhancement of passenger rail service across the Greater Northwest. Information and registration at <https://gnwpr.org>.

## Why Trains?

AANW envisions a future where every traveler is empowered to move across the Greater Northwest, while providing communities with economic, environmental and equity benefits.

Passenger trains serve the 30% of the population that does not drive because they are too old, too young, too poor, disabled, living in places not served by other forms of transportation, or are concerned about the future of the planet.

We will always need cars, especially in rural areas. But we need to ensure that our communities provide transportation access to those for whom driving is not an option.

## About All Aboard Northwest

All Aboard Northwest advocates for the needs of rail passengers, especially on a regional scale over state lines, and coordinates with infrastructure and transportation interests to strengthen relationships between existing groups to bring economic, environmental, and equity benefits to our citizens.

## Our Supporters

- Association of Oregon Rail and Transit Advocates
- CHCS Internet Development
- Robert Lawrence
- Utah Rail Passengers Association
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- ...And you!